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Father, Three Children and Housemaid Perish in Flames that Swiftly Destroved Columbia Hall Apartment House in Mt. Vernon-Many Injured.

#### THE DEAD.

Nathan Frey, forty-five years old, boot and shoe dealer in Valentine street, Mount Vernon.

Isadore Frey, eleven years old, son of Nathan. Helen Frey, eight years old, daughter of Nathan. Henry Frey, three years old, son of Nathan.

Bessie Doring, twenty-five years old, maid employed by the

#### THE INJURED.

Mrs. Nathan Frey, who was burned so badly that her life is despaired of.

Mrs. A. E. Berry, who fractured her hip by the breaking of a fire-ladder. Mrs. Louis Levine, who was overcome by the smoke and who

is believed to have inhaled the flames. Mrs. John Morris, who was taken from the house unconscious.

Fire in Columbia Hall in Mount Vernon early to-day killed five persons and injured four others, some of whom will die. With the exception of Mrs. Frey, the entare family of Nathan Frey was wiped out.

Columbia Hall is occupied on the first floor by a carriage repository belonging to D. R. Woods and a piano factory belonging to J. C. Schleicher, of Manhattan. 'The second floor of the building is used as a theatre and the upper stories as apartments, in which lived fifteen families. The building was 150 feet long by 100 feet broad and was frame.

The fire was discovered by Louis Levine about 4.45 o'clock. He smelled smoke and, upon investigating, found that the whole lower part of the building was in flames and that escape down the stairway was

impossible. Levine picked up his baby and, calling to his wife to follow, started for the roof, hoping to escape over the adjoining building or to climb down the fire ladders.

#### Women Unconscious from Smoke.

Mrs. Levine was almost unconscious from smoke. As the door to the spartments was opened the flames from the hallway rushed in and she fell

Thinking that his wife was following him, Levine rushed toward the roof, yelling fire. As he passed the apartments of Nathan Frey he stopped and beat at the door. The door was opened by the father.

He seemed dazed and frightened and returned for his wife and three thildren and his maid. The wife was the easist to awaken. She hurried from the apartments to the hall and climbed to the roof after Levine. The father returned for the children, leaving the door of the apartments

open. The open door acted as a five. The flames rushed through into the rooms and when the father, carrying the two younger children, with the oldest boy and the maid clinging to him, tried to break his way through the hall the blaze spread over him, beating him down and setting fire to his garments. He, his three children and the maid expired there.

Continuing on his way to the roof, Levine knocked at the apartments of Mrs. A. E. Berry. She made her way to the roof, climbed to a fire ladder and then plunged to the street as the ladder broke beneath her weight. This left the others on the roof at the mercy of the flames, which were climbing higher and higher every second and which even then had made the roof blistering to the bare feet of the persons who were in danger of their lives.

Following Mrs. Berry came Mrs. John Morrison, and then came fifteen other persons, all of them clad in their night clothes and all of them screaming and frightened.

With the fire ladder broken it was impossible for any one to reach the street in safety. Some one sad called the Fire Department. When it ar-Tived two of the women on the roof were unconscious from smoke and every one was suffering agonies from the blistering hot roof.

#### Several Firemen Severely Hurt.

Fireman Daniel Dewitt, A. A. Teats, George Guess, with Deputy Chief Paul Heck and Detective Atwell, climbed up to the roof with the fire ladders and began the work of rescue. So hot were the flames that the hair and whiskers of the firemen were singed. Their faces were blistered and the roof of the house seemed red hot to their touch.

All the physicians in Mount Vernon were summoned. The worst indured 1 rsons were taken to the Mount Vernon Hospital. Others were gared for at the homes of neighbors.

The fire is supposed to have started on the ground floor of the building. Its origin has not been determined. The building was gutted; the loss is estimated at \$30,000. Al of the tenants lost everything except Mrs. Frey, who snatched up a bank-book as she fled from the flames.

# HAD TO LISTEN TO

Part of the Duties of Miss
Haines, Who Sues Mrs. Reynolds-Ireland for \$15,000 on an Alleged Broken Contract.

The trial of the suit of Miss Hattie Haines against Mrs. Robert Ireland or Miss Mary Reynolds, as she calls her for \$15,000 alleged to be due on a broken contract as her secretary and companion with a music-box accompaniment. Robert Island's to mb, was put on triel before Justice MacLean and a jury this afternoon.

Albert J. Sore told the jury that in iss Robert Ireland died, and the woman who had lived with him as his wife and claiming to be his widow, Mary Reynolds, wanted to adopt Hattie Haines, a simple mountain lass of Cats-Mill, who had been helping her during Mr. Ireland's sickness.

"Hattie's parents objected," said Mr. Bire, "and finally Mrs. Reynolds-Ireland engaged her' as companion and secre
A Husband's Point of Miss Haines as Witness. Haines as will for Mrs. Ireland in which she had been helping her during Mr. Ireland's sickness.

A Husband's Point of Miss Haines as Witness. Haines as my judgment Miss Haines, "My dear friend and companion," Robert Ireland left an estate of \$50,
On the placed in the tomb. Mrs. Anna M. Haines a wittent haines, a witness mand. Haines, testified that her husband and Robert Ireland were boson friends. In Spetchmer, 1897. Mrs. Reynolds when her is preland selected in the tomb. Mrs. Anna M. Haines, and Mrs. Ireland sale for permission to adopt that the would may he had been helping her during Mrs. Ireland's sickness.

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"That was in September, 1897. Miss

engaged her because she needed some one to look after her business affairs.

"One of my duties," said Miss Haines, "was to visit the vault in the cemetery where Robert Ireland's body lay, and listen to popular tunes ground out by a music box which her mistress had caused to be placed in the tomb."

Mrs. Haines a Witness.

A Husband's Point of View. (From the Sketch.) If I were a married man I would be "That was in September, 1897. Miss Haines had received only \$100 from Mrs. Reynolds-Ireland up to October, 1901, and then the latter drove her out of the house."

Miss Hannis alleges that her misters was not the widow of Robert Ireland, but only a servant in his family, and that she cannot read or write, and the she cannot read or write, and the she cannot read or write, and the cook's mental breakdown, when she cannot read or write, and the she cannot read only \$100 from Mrs.

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Women's Handkerchiets. TABLE NO. 2-All-linen hemstitched; embroidered and mourning. Men's Handkerchiels.

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prices for Thursday:

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At 25c—MISSES' CORSET

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(Third Floor, East.)

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Mayor McClellan Gives a Hearing on the Providing for the Carrying of Pupils to Uptown Public Schools.

districts t up-town schools, where many of the class-rooms are only next the class-rooms are only party

ner R. L. Harrison, of the Board of Education, was the only per-son appearing either for or against the bill. He said the Board of Education favored the measure.

"Are you sure the Board favors i without any string to their action, like certain other things which they have avored?" asked the Mayor. "Oh, yes; they are unanin

"Have you any reason to believe they

will avail themselves of this power if sign this bill?"

# Thursday-Great Savings in

## adies' Suits, Jackets, Waists

LADIES' SUITS, of fine cheviot, broadcloth or mixtures, several new models in blouse, Eton and coat effects, handsomely trimmed: 7gored full plaited skirt, black, blue or brown; values ADIES' JACKETS, of tan covert or black broadcloth, collarless or fly

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time."
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(Third Floor.)

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